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IN RE APPLICATION OF
CHONGQING SUN, ET AL
APPLICATION NO: **10/780415**
FILED: **02/17/2004**
FOR: **BICYCLIC MODULATORS OF ANDROGEN RECEPTOR**
FUNCTION

ART UNIT: **1626**
EXAMINER: **SHIAO, REI TSANG**

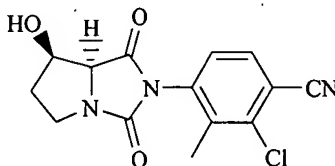
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I. (March 23, 2006 Restriction Requirement, page 2).

Further, the Examiner has requested applicants "elect a single species for the search purpose." (March 23, 2006 Restrictions Requirement, page 3). Applicants elect the following species for search purposes only.

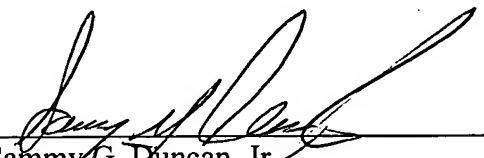


Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for an Election on the grounds that the reasons stated by the Examiner do not support his contention that separate searches would be

required during the examination of the present application. One of skill in the art at the time of the invention would have readily discerned that radical G in Applicants' generic structure could be any number of heterocyclo, aryl or heteroaryl rings. Applicants do not believe that a serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner to search the Applicants' claimed genus of compounds.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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